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SUBJECT: DEA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4

REFERENCE: A. BANGKOK 3681; B. DEA 4915

1. SUMMARY: THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES HAVING THE SUBJECT
CONFERENCE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, AND EMBASSY BANGKOK'S
COMMENTS IN REFTTEL B ARE WELL-TAKEN BY BOTH US AND DEA. IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH DEA HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL WE HAVE BEEN
REASSURED THAT THEIR MEETING IS CONSONANT WITH USG OBJEC-
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TIVES IN THAILAND OR ELSEWHERE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEA'S SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN HEROIN
(SAO/SEA) IS BEING MODELLED AFTER ITS SUCCESSFUL SAO/MEX
CREATED TO DEAL WITH MEXICAN HEROIN. CREATION OF SAO/SEA
IS NOT TO IMPLY THAT A SOUTHEAST ASIAN HEROIN DELUGE IS
IMMINENT. SAO/SEA IS IN FACT A PROJECT TO DETERMINE THE

EXTENT OF THE ASIAN HEROIN PROBLEM AND TO REINFORCE IN-HOUSE DEA ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUCH A DELUGE IN THE FUTURE. NOR IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAO/SEA MEANT TO IMPLY THAT THAILAND'S, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S, ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ARE WANTING.

3. THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND THE NEW SAO/SEA AIMS AT STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION/COORDINATION AMONG DEA'S OWN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC REGIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON DOMESTIC ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS AND WAYS TO POOL AND SHARE ASSETS AMONG THE CONCERNED REGIONS. THESE SUBJECTS ARE TECHNICAL ENFORCEMENT-ORIENTED AND GO FAR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE MEETINGS REFERRED TO IN PARA 8 OF REFTTEL A. DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL CENTER UPON SEEKING NEW AND IMPROVED WAYS IN WHICH DEA CAN WORK WITH THEM.

4. PARA 6 OF REFTTEL B DOES AT FIRST GLANCE SEEM TO GO SOMEWHAT BEYOND THE PURVIEW OF DEA ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THIS WAS NOT ITS INTENT. TOPICS LISTED THERE WERE ONLY TO ENCOURAGE BROAD GAUGED AND INNOVATIVE THINKING BY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. ANY SUGGESTIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY ENFORCEMENT ORIENTED WILL, OF COURSE, BE VETTED THROUGH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

5. ADDRESSEES WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THIS PROGRAM. APPROPRIATE MISSION INPUTS AND SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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